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From there, we went to the Schoeneberg Rathaus, where the Secretary signed the Golden Book and made a ~~very~~ effective speech. Then we drove through the city to the dedication ceremony of the street named in honor of John Foster Dulles. On this occasion, Brandt, the Secretary and Eleanor Dulles delivered addresses.

This ended the formal ceremonies, and the procession of cars went to Tempelhof Air Base, from which the Secretary took off at 5:15. We followed a quarter of an hour later. The whole occasion had been a great success. Everywhere Herter ~~was~~ was greeted in the warmest possible fashion.

We arrived home about eight o'clock tonight.

Sunday, July 26, 1959

Brilliant weather. There was nothing of interest at the office. I played baseball with the boys, and we did a lot of swimming. Sasha swam 200 lengths of the pool.

Maya de Montaudouin came for lunch. She is taking glider lessons. This is a dangerous sport.

The reports from the Berlin press today estimate the crowds welcoming Herter at about 130,000 people.

I had no opportunity to revert to what I discussed with Chris when I was last in Geneva, namely, my estimate of a deterioration in the Western position. At that time the Secretary seemed to be

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in accord with this view and was giving serious thought to breaking off the meetings. In this I think he would have had Couve's support, but obviously, as has been made all too apparent in public statements, the British Government is resolved to go on with these proceedings and to try to obtain a summit conference regardless of the lack of progress at Geneva.

Gromyko, viewing the differences between the U.S. and British viewpoints, has wisely contented himself by saying as little as possible and, when he is forced to be articulate, merely repeating what he has uttered on previous occasions. He is waiting, I think, for the Western crack to widen. It may be that when the House of Commons recesses the end of this week and Nixon has a last talk next Saturday with Khrushchev, the lines can be definitively drawn between East and West. Meanwhile, I only hope the Western Foreign Ministers will limit their statements and, under no conditions, make any new proposals. Once again, the Soviets have demonstrated the advisability of patience. To my mind, the Western position is being eroded in the process and the sooner there is a conclusion the better.

Tuesday, July 28, 1959

Arch Jean, the new Administrative Officer, reported in this morning. His last post was Toronto.

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